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FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS PRIORITY

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TAGS: EFIN, CI, DA

SUBJ: CHILE DEBT RESCHEDULING

REF: A. STATE 51193, B. COPENHAGEN 611

1. FONMIN ANDERSEN OUT OF COUNTRY AND FONECONMINC

NORGAARD TIED UP ALL DAY. DCM RAISED CHILE

DEBT ISSUE WITH FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR OLE

BIERRING AND WAS ASSURED THAT DANISH DECISION

IS NOT IMMINENT. BIERRING SAID THAT DANES ARE

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SENDING THEIR AMBASSADOR IN THE HAGUE T PRONK'S

MARCH 7 MEETING AS "OBSERVER" ONLY WITH NO INSTRUCTIONS. HE IS NOT EXPECTED TO SPEAK. BIERRING SHARED VIEWS EXPRESSED BY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SIDE OF MINISTRY (REF B) THAT CREDITOR CLUB SHOULD NOT DEAL WITH POLITICAL ISSUES. HE THOUGHT THAT BRITISH DECISION NOT TO ATTEND PARIS CLUB SESSION WAS INAPPROPRIATE SINCE, IF FOLLOWED BY OTHERS, SUCH ACTION COULD ONLY LEAD TO CHILEAN DEFAULT ON DEBT PAYMENTS. HE THOUGHT PRESSURES FOR IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS COULD BETTER BE APPLIED AT TIME CHILE ASKS FOR NEW CREDITS.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING THESE COMMENTS, BIERRING NOTED THAT DANISH AMBASSADOR IN SANTIAGO HAS REPORTED THE CHILEANS TO BE VERY NERVOUS OVER THE UK ACTION.

3. BIERRING SAID THAT DANISH DECISION WILL BE MADE BY FOUR MINISTERS--PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTER AND COMMERCE MINISTER. HE THOUGHT THAT, REGARDLESS OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS, THE MINISTERS WILL BE MOST HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY ACTIONS OF OTHER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS, I.E., IF MOST DECIDE TO BOYCOTT PARIS CLUB MEETING, DANES COULD NOT AFFORD TO BE AN EXCEPTION.

4. AMBASSADOR SENT LETTER TO FONECON MINISTER NORGAARD INCORPORATING PRESENTATION IN REF A, WITH COPIES TO BIERRING AND FONOFF COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT (BRANDSTRUP). LETTER WAS HAND-DELIVERED WITH REQUEST IT BE BROUGHT TO MINISTER'S ATTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TODAY.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT. THE MINISTERS INVOLVED IN THE CHILE DEBT ISSUE ARE FULLY TIED UP IN PREPARATION OF LABOR LEGISLATION AND THE DUBLIN EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. THEY WILL PROBABLY BE UNABLE TO CONSIDER THE CHILE DEBT QUESTION UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK. THEN,
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IF TRUE TO FORM, THEY WILL FOLLOW LEAD OF OTHER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS RATHER THAN TAKE ANY INITIATIVE ON THEIR OWN.
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